

IN THE MATTER

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OF THE APPLICATION OF

THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY

FOR THE

EMPLOYMENT AND INSTRUCTION OF THE POOR

TO THE

JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT

TO

Approve the Amendments to its Charter.

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To the Honorable Jeremiah S. Black, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania:

*Dear Sir,—*As we understand that an application is about to be made to your honorable Court, at an early date, probably on Wednesday morning next, for the confirmation of certain amendments proposed to the Charter of the "Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor," the undersigned hereby respectfully enters his objections to any such step, on the grounds set forth at length in the accompanying affidavit, to which we would request your attention. We would ask that the application for confirmation be postponed by your honorable Court until you are sitting at Philadelphia, where all the necessary proofs of both parties can be more readily obtained and at less cost, there being upwards of one hundred and fifty members that may be required to be examined. We would the more particularly urge this request as there is no necessity for any speedy action on the amendments, and as we believe they have been carried out of the district to avoid the objections we purposed making against them. We would ask also for a rule from your honorable Court to the said applicants directing them to allow the undersigned and his associates, members of the said Society, full opportunity to inspect all the books and papers of the same, the better to resist the confirmation of the said amendments and to support a writ of Quo Warranto, purposed to be issued in this county, to test the right of those named on said proposed amendments as officers of the Society to hold their office.

We would also ask that no decisive action will be taken by your Court unless upon notice to the undersigned.

Signed, W. J. MULLEN.

DAVID PAUL BROWN, }
W.M. LINN BROWN, } Counsel.
IGNATIUS DONELLY,

William J. Mullen, one of the original charter members of "The Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor," which is now applying to the Supreme Court of this state for confirmation of amendments proposed to the original charter, being duly affirmed according to law, doth depose and say, that the said proposed amendments are in his belief antagonistic to the purposes and spirit of the said Society and will tend to its injury; that they were not adopted by said Society in accordance with the provisions of the charter of the same. Article XII. of the charter is as follows: "This Constitution may be altered or amended at any stated meeting, or at any meeting of the Society called for that purpose, by a vote of two thirds of the members present, notice of such alteration or amendment having been given at a previous meeting."

Whereas, the said amendments were [finally] adopted upon the evening of the second Monday of April, 1854, by the vote of a packed meeting, and without any notice whatever of any such intended action having been given. Moreover Article IX. of said original charter says, "any person being a citizen of the state of Pennsylvania may become a member of this Society, by signing the constitution and paying the sum of one dollar annually," which word "annnally" your deponent is informed has been decided by the Supreme Court not to entitle those to vote who have not been members for at least one year.

Whereas, at the adoption of the said amendments on the evening of the said second Monday of April, 1854, your deponent firmly believes that a majority of those who votcd on that occasion had not been members for a year, and a number of them but for a few hours, having been brought there for the express purpose of voting on that occasion. The adoption of the said amendments was also effected in a measure by the misrepresentations made by the friends of the amendments against the character of your deponent.

Your deponent has also several times applied for what he considers his constitutional right, an examination of the books and papers of the Association with intention of the better opposing their illegal proceedings, and has been denied. He has also repeatedly demanded officially as President, under the instruction of the Solicitor of the Society, that the Constitution be brought to the meetings of the Society, and the Secretary has positively refused to obey the said demand. The newly elected Secretary has within a few weeks past also refused your deponent any opportunity to inspect the said papers, stating at the time that he did

so under instruction of the Committee now applying to the Supreme Court for the confirmation of the amendments to the charter of the Society.

Your deponent further states that he is the founder of the Society, its first charter member, and has been its President from its first organization until within the last three months, and hopes to be able to prove that he is still its legally elected President, although not so acknowledged by those now applying for confirmation of the said amendments.

Signed, W. J. MULLEN.

Affirmed and subscribed to before me this 12th day of June, A. D. 1854. The word "finally" having been first interlined on the fourteenth line from the top of the first page.

Signed, ELISHA CROWELL, Alderman.

Your deponent further states that he has interlined the word "finally" as above mentioned, because, before the second Monday of April, 1854, the said amendments were brought before the Society, but did not, as this deponent believes, receive the two thirds vote required by the Constitution of the Society for their adoption.

Signed, W. J. MULLEN.

Affirmed and subscribed to before me this 12th day of June, A. D. 1854.

Signed, ELISHA CROWELL, Alderman.

In the matter of the Application of "The Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor," to the Judges of the Supreme Court, to approve the Amendments to its Charter.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

The Undersigned, a Committee of the Board of Managers of "The Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor," respectfully represent, that said Society having made some alterations and amendments to its original Constitution as allowed by your honorable Court, the 26th day of January, 1848, directed its Board of Managers to make application to your honorable Court for approval of the same; that, acting under the directions of a Committee appointed for that purpose, one of the solicitors of the Society, having previously given due notice to Wm. J. Mullen of the intended application, as per Exhibit hcreto annexed, marked A, and having also caused a notice of the said intended application to be posted in the Prothonotary's office of

the Court in this city, as per certificate hereto annexed, marked B, and having also caused a notice of the same to be posted in the Court room, at Harrisburg, went, on the 14th day of June last, to Harrisburg, the Court being then in session there, to obtain the necessary allowance and approval of the said amended Constitution; and that he there found an affidavit and statement of Wm. J. Mullen, objecting to the confirmation of said instrument, on the grounds "that the said proposed amendments are, in his belief, antagonistic to the purposes and spirit of the said Society, and will tend to its injury," and "that they were not adopted by said Society in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the same."

To show that the action of the Society, in making the said amendments has been deliberate and regular, and, as we believe, entirely in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, we have hereto annexed Exhibit C,—a copy of all the minutes of the said Society and Board of Managers, in which any action was had on the subject of the said amendments from the first proposal to amend, made at the meeting of the Board of Managers, February 3rd, 1852, to the final adoption of the amended Constitution, at the meeting of the Society, November 15th, 1853, and the minutes of the subsequent meeting of the Society, of April 10th, 1854, referred to by the said Wm. J. Mullen.

We have also hereto annexed Exhibits D, E and F, a copy of the original Constitution, as allowed by your honorable Court the 26th day of January, 1848; a copy of the Constitution, as amended at the annual meeting, held April 12th, 1852, under which the Society acted for nearly two years, and a copy of the Constitution as amended and finally adopted at a meeting of the Society, November 15th, 1853, being the same which is now presented to your Honors for approval.

From the annexed Exhibits it will appear that the action of the Society in the matter of the said amendments has been deliberate and constitutional, and that full notice was given to the said Wm. J. Mullen and to the public of the intended application to be made to this Court for approval of the said amendments, and that knowledge of the said application did not come incidentally to the said Wm. J. Mullen, as appears to be implied in his statement addressed to his Honor Chief Justice Black. It also appears by the minutes of the proceedings of the Society of the second Monday of April, 1854, and your petitioners aver the same to be true, that no action whatever was had on the subject of the said amendments at that meeting, except that the minutes of the meetings at which the said amendments were adopted, were approved, and the managers were directed to have the amended Constitution pre-

sented to the proper Court for approval, and that the statement of the said Wm. J. Mullen that the said amendments were finally adopted at the said meeting of the second Monday of April, 1854, is incorrect, the said amendments having been finally adopted at the meeting of the Society, November 15th, 1853.

Your petitioners farther aver, that in their belief, the amendments proposed to the Constitution were necessary to secure the property of the Society and a more efficient management of its affairs, and that its usefulness will be greatly promoted thereby.

In regard to the allegation made by the said Wm. J. Mullen, that the meeting of the 2d Monday of April was a packed one, your petitioners are very confident in saying that it was not so. A complete list of all who had any claim to membership, was prepared by the Treasurer. This list contained all the names which were attached to the authorized copy of the constitution in the care of the Secretary, as well as all the names furnished by Wm. J. Mullen as being signers to the copy of the Constitution which he had in his possession, and a printed notice of the meeting was sent to each of them. In addition to this, public notice was given in at least two of the daily papers of the city.

Your petitioners therefore, submitting to your Honors that the Society having duly proceeded to the amendment of its charter according to the Constitution, and that the said amendments are in accordance with the spirit and objects of the said Society, pray your Honors to approve the said charter as amended in accordance with the act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

Philadelphia, 7 mo. 13, 1854.

Signed,

WISTAR MORRIS,
ISRAEL H. JOHNSON,
JOSHUA L. BAILY.

Committee of the Board of Managers "Philada. Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor."

City of Philadelphia, ss.

Wistar Morris, Israel H. Johnson, and Joshua L. Baily, personally appeared before the subscriber, and being duly affirmed, depose and say, that the facts set forth in the foregoing statement and answer, signed by them, are true, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Affirmed and subscribed before me this 13th day of (7th month,) July, A. D. 1854. STEPHEN H. SIMMONS, Alderman.

City of Philadelphia, ss.

Israel H. Johnson, Wistar Morris, Anthony M. Kimber, Wm. Henry Parker, Thomas L. Baily, John M. Wetherell and Thomas Richards, jr., being duly affirmed, depose and say that they are members of "The Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor," and that they were present at the meeting of the said Society, held November 15th, 1853, and that the amended Constitution of the said Society, the same now about to be presented to the Supreme Court for its approval, was adopted article by article (the amendments thereto), at the said meeting by the unanimous vote of the meeting, with but one dissenting voice, namely the vote of William Linn Brown in the negative, and that on taking the final vote it was unanimously adopted, William Linn Brown declining to vote, saying that it was of no use to oppose it, or words to that effect.

Signed,

ISRAEL H. JOHNSON,
WISTAR MORRIS,
ANTHONY M. KIMBER,
WM. HENRY PARKER,
THOMAS L. BAILY,
JOHN M. WETHERELL,
THOS. RICHARDS, JR.

Affirmed and subscribed before me this fifteenth day of July, A. D. 1854.

STEPHEN H. SIMMONS, Alderman.

EXHIBITS.

(A.)

Philada. June 8, 1854.

Dear Sir,— You will please take notice, that the amended charter of “the Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor,” has been deposited in the office of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, according to the rule of the court, and that application will be made to the Supreme Court, sitting at Harrisburg, on Wednesday next, the 14th inst., at 10 o’clock A. M., for approval of the same, according to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

Yours truly, WM. S. PEIRCE,
Solicitor of the Philad. Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor.

To W. J. MULLEN, Esq.

Served personally on W. J. Mullen, June 8, at 11½ o’clock, A. M.
W. S. P.

(B.)

In the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for the Eastern District.

I hereby certify, that the amended charter of the Philadelphia Society, for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor, was duly deposited in the office of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for the Eastern District, on the eighth day of June, A. D., 1854; and that the same has remained on deposit in the said office until the present date inclusive; and that notice that application would be made to the Justices of the Supreme Court for allowance of the same on the 14th day of June, instant, at Harrisburg, has been posted in the said Prothonotary’s office at Philadelphia.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said Court at Philadelphia, this thirteenth day of June, A. D., 1854.

L. S.

RO. TYLER, Pro.

(C.)

Meeting of the Board of Managers, Feb. 3d, 1852.

“At a stated meeting of the Board of Managers held 2d mo. 3d, 1852.

“A proposition having been submitted by J. L. Baily, to call a meeting of the Society for the purpose of considering the expediency of making some changes in our Constitution, it was, after some discussion agreed to refer the subject to a committee, to consist of W. J. Mullen, J. L. Baily, Wistar Morris, S. J. W. Mintzer, and Jabez Jenkins, who are requested to consider the whole matter, and report at the next meeting of the Board whether any plan can be devised to secure a more efficient management of the Institution now in their charge, and what changes they may deem necessary to have made in the present constitution of “The Phila. Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor.”

Meeting of the Board, March 2, 1852.

“At a stated meeting of the Board of Managers, held 3d mo. 2, 1852.

“The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider and report to the Board whether any plan can be devised to secure a more efficient management of the Institution now in their charge, and what changes they may deem necessary to have made in the Constitution of the Society reported, that they met and after full consideration, and a free expression of opinion, united in recommending that the Constitution be altered and amended, to read as in the essay which they therewith presented.

“The report was accepted, and the proposed Constitution claiming the attention of the Board, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz :

“*Resolved*, That the alterations and amendments to the Constitution of “The Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor,” offered and recommended by the Committee, are hereby approved by this Board, and the President is directed to call a meeting of the Society for the evening of the 8th inst., and present the proposition to alter and amend, and ask for it the early and favorable attention of the Society.

“*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged.”

Meeting of the Society, March 8, 1852.

“At a special meeting of “The Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor,” held 3d mo. 8th, 1852.”

“The following minute of the Board of Managers was read, viz :

(See minute of the meeting of the Board, March 2, 1852.)

“The proposed Constitution was then read, and each article separately considered. A few alterations were made and it was then adopted in the form hereto annexed, by a unanimous vote, and directed to be laid before the next annual meeting of the Society.” (Se exhibit E.)

Meeting of the Society, April 12, 1852.

“At the annual meeting of the “The Phila. Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor,” held 4th mo. 12th, 1852.”

“The new Constitution referred to this meeting by the late special meeting, was then taken up, and considered by sections. Each section was approved separately, and the Preamble and Constitution were then unanimously adopted.”

Meeting of the Board, March 1st, 1853.

“At a stated meeting of the Board held 3d mo. 1, 1853.”

“J. L. Baily moved that the President be requested to call a special meeting of the Society for the 8th inst., at 7 o’clock P. M., in this hall, to consider the propriety of making some changes in the Constitution. The motion was adopted unanimously.”

Meeting of the Society, March 8, 1853.

“At a special meeting of “The Society,” held 3d mo. 8th, 1853.”

“J. L. Baily moved to amend Article VII of the Constitution by striking out the word “fifteen” and inserting the word “thirty,” so that the article amended shall read, “They shall at their first stated meeting elect an auxiliary Board of Managers, to consist of thirty female members, &c.

“On motion it was resolved to refer the proposition to the attention of the annual meeting.”

Meeting of the Society April 11, 1853.

“At a stated meeting of The Philadelphia Society for the employment and instruction of the Poor” held 4th mo. 11th, 1853.

“President in the Chair.

“The proposition to amend Article VII. of the Constitution (which was referred to this meeting) to increase the number of the Female Board from fifteen to thirty, was on motion of A. M. Kimber adopted.

“The following amendments were proposed to the Constitution, and it was resolved; that when this meeting adjourns it shall be to meet again on Third day evening 3d prox. for the especial purpose of considering them, viz:

“In the last clause of Art. VIII. to add after the words “may become a life member,” this sentence “and vote at the annual elections for officers provided they have been previously elected members of the Society, by the Board of Managers, and paid their subscription as above.”

“Also to Article VII. it was proposed should be added, “The old Board shall continue in office until the new one shall be organized.”

Meeting of the Society, May 3, 1853.

“At an adjourned meeting of the Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor, held 5th mo. 3d, 1853.

“President in the Chair.

“On motion the proposed amendments to the Constitution were referred for consideration to a special committee, who are directed to report on the propriety of their adoption, also what other changes they may deem necessary. Wistar Morris, Israel H. Johnson, and Joshua L. Baily were appointed the Committee.

“On motion then adjourned to meet on 3d day, the 17th inst., at 8 o'clock, P. M.”

Meeting of the Society, May 17, 1853.

“At an adjourned meeting of “The Philadelphia Society, &c.,” held 5th mo. 17, 1853.

“President in the Chair.

“The following report of the Committee to propose such alterations in our Constitution as they deemed necessary, was read and accepted, and the proposed amendments were referred for further consideration to a future meeting. It is as follows:

"The Committee appointed to examine the present Constitution of our Society and see if any and what changes should be made therein, for the better carrying out the objects of the Society, report that upon careful revision thereof, they would propose that articles I, II, III, IV, V, VI, IX, X, XI and XII be confirmed as they now stand in and were adopted at the Annual Meeting held 4th mo. (April) 1852, and that Article VII be amended to read thus :

ARTICLE VII.—The Board of Managers shall transact all the business of the Society during its recess. They shall meet for organization on the second Tuesday after their election, and shall then elect an auxiliary Board of Managers to consist of thirty ladies to co-operate with them in carrying out the designs of the Society. They shall hold stated meetings monthly, adopt their own By-Laws, fill any vacancies that shall occur by resignation or otherwise, and continue in office until their successors shall be duly elected and organized. They shall have power to call meetings of the Society as often as they may deem necessary, to direct orders to be drawn on the Treasurer for any sums of money requisite for meeting the obligations of the Society, and to adopt such other measures as they may deem best calculated to promote the objects set forth in Article II. They shall present at each annual meeting a full report of the condition and affairs of the Society and of their proceedings during their term in office.

And that Article VIII be amended to read thus :

ARTICLE VIII.—Any citizen of Pennsylvania who shall have been proposed at a meeting of the Society, or a stated meeting of the Board of Managers, and who shall at the next ensuing meeting of the Board receive the votes of two thirds of the members present, shall become a member of the Society. Each member shall pay to the Treasurer a sum not less than one dollar per annum, but any member paying ten dollars or more at any one time shall be a member for life. No member shall be eligible to any office, or entitled to vote at any election, until he shall have paid his annual contribution for the year within which such election shall be held, and if he be in arrears to the amount of two years contribution he shall forfeit his membership.

On behalf of the Committee,

WISTAR MORRIS, Chairman."

5th mo. 17, 1853.

Meeting of The Society May 31, 1853.

“ At a special meeting of the Society held 5th mo. 31, 1853.

“ President in the chair.

“ The following call for this meeting was read *viz* :—

“ To William J. Mullen, President &c.

We request that a meeting of the Society (as provided for in the IV article of the Constitution) may be called for Third-day evening, the 31st inst. at 8 o'clock, to consider the amendments proposed to the Constitution at the last meeting.

Signed,

ISRAEL H. JOHNSON,

JABEZ JENKINS,

T. WISTAR BROWN,

JOSHUA L. BAILY,

WISTAR MORRIS,

JOHN F. BRINTON,

SAMUEL JEANES,

A. M. KIMBER,

THOMAS RICHARDS, JR.,

THOMAS L. BAILY.

Philadelphia, 5th mo. 24, 1853.”

“ The proposed amendments to the Constitution were then read, and on motion of S. J. W. Mintzer, the vote upon them was called for by yeas and nays.

“ Previous to the vote being taken, the President decided that all persons signing a copy of the Constitution which he produced (partly written and partly printed,) were entitled to give their votes at this meeting, the same as though they had signed the regularly prepared copy, the property of the Society. An appeal being made by Wistar Morris from this decision of the chair, was lost by the following vote *viz* : Yeas 9, Nays, 14 all the members who signed the Constitution this evening, as presented by the President, voting in the negative 6.

“ Article VII was adopted as proposed (see minutes of last meeting) by the following vote: yeas, Peirce, Kimber, Morris, Mintzer, J. L. Baily, Jenkins, Johnson, T. L. Baily, Wetherell, Kelley, T. W. Brown, Parker, Ditzler, M. A. Jones, M. S. King, R. W. Pippitt, and M. C. Bird, 17.

“ Nays, Mullen, W. Linn Brown, 2.

“ Article VIII was not adopted. Yeas, Kimber, Morris, J. L. Baily, Johnson, T. W. Brown, Parker, Ditzler, and T. L. Baily, 8. Nays, Mullen, Peirce, Mintzer, Jenkins, Wetherell, Kelley, W. Linn Brown, M. A. Jones, M. S. King, M. C. Bird, and R. W. Pippitt, 11.

“ On motion of W. S. Peirce, a committee of five was appointed to revise the VIII article of the Constitution, relating to the election of members, and report to the Society as soon as prepared. W. S. Peirce,

Chairman, W. Morris, J. M. Wetherell, I. H. Johnson and S. J. W. Mintzer, were appointed the Committee.

"On motion of J. L. Baily, the Society adjourned to meet at the call of the President, whenever requested by the Committee just appointed."

Meeting of the Society, Oct. 18, 1853.

"At a special meeting of "The Philadelphia Society for the employment and instruction of the Poor" held 10th mo. 18, 1853.

"President in the Chair.

"This meeting was called by order of the Chairman of the committee on the Constitution, which Committee made the following report, which was accepted and the proposed amendments laid over for the consideration of a future meeting.

"To "The Philadelphia Society: for the employment and instruction of the Poor."

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Society held 5th mo. 31st, 1853, to revise the Constitution and propose what changes if any should be made therein respectfully report that

Article III. be amended by the introduction of "a Vice-President." It will then read as follows: Article III. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and Treasurer, and a Board of male managers consisting of the above named officers and twelve additional members, all of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting, and shall continue in office until the organization of their successors.

Article IV. to be amended to read:

"The President or in his absence the Vice-President, or a president pro tem." &c., &c.

Article VIII to be amended to read—

Any citizen of Pennsylvania who shall have been proposed at a meeting of the Society, or at a Stated Meeting of the Board of Managers, and who shall at the next ensuing meeting of the Society receive the votes of two-thirds of the members present, shall become a member of the Society. Each member shall pay to the Treasurer a sum of not less than one dollar per annum, but any member paying ten dollars at any one time, shall be a member for life. No one shall be entitled to vote at any election unless he shall have been a member at least three months, and shall have paid his contribution for the year within which such election is held, and if in arrears for the amount of two years' contributions, shall forfeit membership.

W.M. S. PEIRCE, *Chairman.*

"On motion of J. L. Baily, the meeting then adjourned to meet the third Third day, (Tuesday) in next month, to consider the proposed amendments."

Meeting of the Society, November 15th, 1853.

"At an adjourned meeting of the Society held 11th mo. 15th, 1853.
"President in the Chair.

"The proposed amendments to the Constitution made at the meeting, held 10th mo. 18th, 1853, and which were referred to this meeting for further consideration, were read, and being separately voted on, they were all adopted.

"The following resolution offered by Israel H. Johnson was adopted, and the President appointed Israel H. Johnson and Wistar Morris the Committee referred to in it, viz :

"Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to engross the amended Constitution as adopted, and confirmed this evening, and submit it to the court through our solicitor for its approval."

Meeting of the Society, April 10th, 1854.

"At a stated meeting of "The Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor," held 4th mo. 10th, 1854.

President in the Chair.

The minutes of the meetings of the Society for the past year were read and adopted.

At the request of Wm. J. Mullen, it was on motion of John M. Whittall directed that the Secretary should expunge from the minutes of the last stated meeting of the Society, the protest therein recorded against some of the proceedings of that meeting.

The Board of Managers produced their annual report, which was read and accepted.

The report of the Treasurer was also read and accepted.

A report from the Committee appointed at the special meeting of 11th mo. 9th, 1853, to collect funds in aid of the immediate opening of the House of Industry was presented, read and accepted, and the Committee discharged.

On motion, the report of the Board of Managers, the report of the Treasurer, and the report of the Committee to collect funds, were referred to the Board to be elected this evening, with directions to have such parts printed as they may think proper, and with authority to make such corrections and additions as may be necessary.

Resolutions of the Board of Managers, passed at the meeting of 12th month 7th, 1853, and transmitted to this meeting, were read and laid on the table.

An election for officers and a Board of Managers for the ensuing year was then entered upon.

The President appointed John M. Wetherell, John M. Whitall and John Wetherill, Jr., Tellers.

At the close of the election, the Tellers reported that 144 votes had been polled, that those whose names appear on the following ticket, had received 103 votes, viz:

For President.—Thos. T. Tasker,
 “ *Vice President*.—Chas. D. Cleveland,
 “ “ “ William Welsh,
 “ *Recording Secretary*.—John F. Brinton,
 “ *Corresponding Secretary*.—Joshua L. Baily,
 “ *Treasurer*.—Wistar Morris.

Managers.

Richard Richardson,	Rebecca Hammitt,
John M. Wetherell,	Maria C. Bird,
Anthony M. Kimber,	Margaret A. Jones,
Samuel Jeanes,	Rachel W. Pippitt,
Israel H. Johnson,	Margaret S. King,
John Kelley,	Margaret Francis,
T. Wistar Brown,	Mary Jeanes,
Thomas L. Baily,	Eliza Yard,
Thomas Richards, Jr.,	Harriet Schneider,
Caspar Morris, M.D.,	Jenet Sandland,
T. Charlton Henry,	Eliza B. Jeanes,
Mahlon Williamson,	Susanna Clifton,
Joseph C. Turnpenny,	Harriet Francis,
Jacob P. Jones,	Mary Tyler,
S. Morris Waln,	Eliza Fenton,
William M. Heyl,	Elizabeth Taylor,
Richard M. Marshall,	Louisa Rue,
William D. Bispham,	Sarah Martin,
Charles Wheeler, Jr.,	Mary Rovoudt,
Charles J. Rowland,	Eliza Ann Caron,
Henry H. G. Sharpless,	Catharine Jones,
William H. Clark,	Elizabeth Folwell.

That those whose names appear on the following ticket had received each 25 votes, viz. :

President.—William J. Mullen.
Vice Presidents.—William D. Kelly,
 Oswald Thompson.
Recording Secretary.—William Burroughs.

Corresponding Secretary—Edmund S. Yard.
Treasurer—Wistar Morris.

Managers.

Israel H. Johnson, John M. Wetherell, S. V. Merrick, S. J. W. Mintzer, M.D., John Kelley, James Bird, John Gladding, Robert B. Davidson, Jabez Jenkins, Ignatius Donnelly, Smith Bowen, James J. Duncan, M. H. Treadwell, C. Heiskill, Elisha Crowell, Robert Palmer, David Jayne, M.D., Nathaniel D. Godfrey, Thos. S. Mitchell, Edward M. Davis, Joseph Lindsay, John F. Brinton, Rebecca Hammett, Margaret Francis, Maria C. Bird, Margaret A. Jones, Rachel W. Pippitt, Harriet Schneider, Jenet Sandland, Susanna Clifton, Harriet Francis, Mary Tyler, Eliza Fenton, Sarah Palmer, Louisa Rue, Mary Rovoudt, Eliza Ann Caron, Catharine Jones, Ann B. Duncan, Mrs. Treadwell, Mary A. Grear, Sarah Bayley, Sophia Fearing, Amanda J. Collins.

That there were 16 scattering votes, and that the persons whose names were contained on the printed ticket headed by Thomas T. Tasker for President, had been elected by a majority of the votes polled.

The report of the tellers was accepted, and the following persons were declared to have been duly elected officers and managers for the ensuing year.

President—Thomas T. Tasker.

Vice Presidents—Charles D. Cleveland, William Welsh.

Recording Secretary—John F. Brinton.

Corresponding Secretary—Joshua L. Baily.

Treasurer—Wistar Morris.

Managers.

Richard Richardson,	Rebecca Hammitt,
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Samuel Jeanes,	Rachel W. Pippitt,
Israel H. Johnson,	Margaret S. King,
John Kelly,	Margaret Francis,
J. Wistar Brown,	Mary Jeanes,
Thomas L. Baily,	Eliza Yard,
Thomas Richards, jr.,	Harriet Schneider,
Caspar Morris, M.D.,	Jenet Sandland,
T. Charlton Henry,	Eliza B. Jeanes,
Mahlon Williamson,	Susannah Clifton,
Joseph C. Turnpenny,	Harriet Francis,
Jacob P. Jones,	Mary Tyler,

S. Morris Waln,	Eliza Fenton,
William M. Heyl,	Elizabeth Taylor,
Riehard M. Marshall,	Louisa Rue,
William D. Bispham,	Sarah Martin,
Charles Wheeler, jr.,	Mary Rovoudt,
Charles J. Rowland,	Eliza Ann Caron,
Henry H. G. Sharpless,	Catharine Jones,
William H. Clark,	Elizabeth Folwell.

The following resolution, offered by John M. Whitall, was adopted, with but one dissenting voice, viz :

Resolved, That the Board of Managers eleeted this evening, be and are hereby direeted to have the Constitution as amended and adopted at the meeting of the Soeity, held Eleventh month 15th, 1853, engrossed and presented to the proper court for its approval.

Meeting of the Board, April 18th, 1854.

“ Fourth month 18th, 1854.

“ A special meeting of the Managers of the Philadelphia Soeity for the Employment and Instrucion of the Poor was held at the Philadelphia Lyeeum, at eight o'elock, P. M., on the above date.

The following extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Soeity, held Fourth month 10th, 1854, was then read, viz :

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The following persons were then elected by the Board a committee to carry the above resolutions into effect : Joshua L. Baily, Israel H. Johnson and Wistar Morris.

City of Philadelphia, ss.

John F. Brinton, being duly affirmed, doth depose and say that he is the Recording Seeretary of the “ Philadelphia Soeity for the Employment and Instrucion of the Poor,” and the foregoing Exhibit C. eon-tains full, just and true extraets from the minutes of the meetings of the said Soeity and from the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Managers of the same, of all proeceedings had in the said Soeity and Board in relation to the amendments of the Constitution of the said Soeity.

JOHN F. BRINTON.

Affirmed and subseribed before me this 15th day of July, A.D. 1854.

ARMON DAVIS, Alderman.

(D.)

Copy of Original Constitution of "The Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor."

PREAMBLE.

The poverty and consequent suffering and wretchedness of a large portion of our population, such as to awaken the attention of all who are interested in the welfare of our race; and the promptings of humanity, the dictates of an enlightened self-interest, and the security of the public generally, require that some speedy and determined action be devised for their present and future relief.

With these views, and conscious of the advantages of combined effort, the undersigned, citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, have agreed to associate themselves together, and for their more perfect government have adopted the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—The name of this Society shall be "The Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor."

ARTICLE II.—The object of the Society shall be the employment and moral and intellectual improvement of the Poor of the City and County of Philadelphia.

ARTICLE III.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Managers, consisting of the above named officers and forty-four additional members, twenty-two of whom shall be men and twenty-two women, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IV.—The President, or in his absence one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Society, enforce the Constitution and Laws, see that the other officers perform their duties, and call special meetings whenever requested by the Board of Managers or any five of the members.

ARTICLE V.—The Recording Secretary shall give the members due notice of all meetings, keep a faithful record of the proceedings, and have the general care of the books and papers belonging to the Society.

ARTICLE VI.—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all the correspondence of the Society and of the Board of Managers. If directed by the Board he shall also prepare the annual report.

ARTICLE VII.—The Treasurer shall receive all the monies paid to the Society by contribution or otherwise, pay all bills drawn by order of

the Board of Managers and endorsed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, keep a true and regular account of the same, and report as often as desired to the Society or Board.

ARTICLE VIII.—The Board of Managers shall transact all the business of the Society during its recess. They shall hold stated meetings at least once in each month, adopt their own By-Laws, and fill any vacancies created by resignation or otherwise. They shall have power to call meetings of the Society as often as they may deem necessary, and draw on the Treasurer for any sums of money requisite for carrying their plans into effect, and take early measures for the erection of a House of Industry, adopting such means as they may think best to promote the interests of the Society.

ARTICLE IX.—Any person being a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania may become a member of this Society by signing the Constitution and paying the sum of One Dollar annually, or by the payment of not less than Ten Dollars at one time, and signing the Constitution, may become a Life Member.

ARTICLE X.—The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the second Monday of April in each year.

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ARTICLE XIII.—No By-Law, Rule, or Ordinance of the Society shall be repugnant to the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Pennsylvania, or to this instrument.

Signed,

W. J. MULLEN,
H. GIBBONS,
PHILIP S. WHITE,
WILLIAM ELDER,
JAMES BRYAN.

I certify, that I have perused and examined the within instrument and articles of association, and am of opinion that the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained are lawful. Witness my hand this twenty-third day of April, A. D., 1847.

Signed, B. CHAMPNEY, Attorney General.

We the Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for the

Eastern District, do hereby certify, that we have examined the within instrument, and concur in opinion with the Attorney General, that the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained are lawful. Witness our hands at Philadelphia, this twenty-sixth day of January, A. D., 1848.

n ed,

JOHN B. GIBSON,
MOLTEN C. ROGERS,
Thomas BURNSIDE,
R. COULTER,
Thomas S. BELL.

I, Joseph Simon Cohen, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for the Eastern District, do hereby certify, that the within Constitution was presented to the Justices of the said Supreme Court, and was by them duly allowed, as appears by the above certificate. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the seal of the said Supreme Court at Philadelphia, this twenty-sixth day of January, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

{ L. S. }

Signed, J. SIMON COHEN, Pro.

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(E.)

CONSTITUTION
OF
The Philadelphia Society for the Employment and
Instruction of the Poor.

Adopted at the Annual Meeting, April 12, 1852.

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P R E A M B L E .

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auxiliary Board of Managers to consist of fifteen Female members, to co-operate with them in carrying out the designs of the Society, and adopt such other means as they may deem best calculated to promote the objects set forth in article second.

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Signed,

Wm. J. Mullen,  
Wistar Morris,  
Chas. C. Cresson,  
Samuel Jeanes,  
Israel H. Johnson,

Jabez Jenkins, and others.

Wm. S. Peiree,  
John M. Wetherell,  
John Kelley,  
Joshua L. Baily,  
S. J. W. Mintzer,

( F. )

Constitution of “The Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor.”

*Adopted November 15th, 1853.*

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ARTICLE VIII.—Any citizen of Pennsylvania, who shall have been proposed at a meeting of the Society or at a stated meeting of the Board of Managers, and who shall at the next ensuing meeting of the Society receive the votes of two-thirds of the members present, shall become a member of the Society. Each member shall pay to the Treasurer the sum of not less than one dollar per annum, but any member paying ten dollars at any one time, shall be a member for life. No one shall be entitled to vote at any election, unless he shall have been a member at least three months, and shall have paid his contribution for the year within which such election is held, and if in arrears for the amount of two years contributions, he shall forfeit membership.

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